

REMARKS

Overview

Claims 60-69, 71, and 76-109 currently stand allowed, and the Examiner has objected to claim 111 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated that this claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner also responded in the prior Office Action as follows: rejected claims 110 and 112-131 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter; and rejected claims 110 and 112-131 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being incomplete for omitting essential elements.

Applicants hereby amend claim 110 in order to clarify the subject matter of their invention, and further hereby add claims 132-150. Thus, claims 60-69, 71, and 76-150 are now pending.

Analysis

The Examiner has rejected independent claim 110 and dependent claims 112-131 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. While Applicants disagree with the basis of these rejections and believe that previously pending claim 110 is in allowable form, pending claim 110 has been amended to expedite prosecution of this application and is believed to be in a form that addresses the Examiner's concerns. Since claims 111-131 that depend from claim 110 are similarly allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 110, and since new claims 132-150 each depend from allowed independent method claim 60 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 60, all of the currently pending claims are in allowable form.

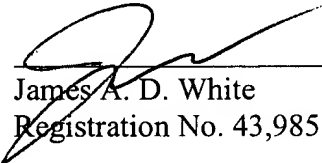
Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable, and therefore respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider this application and timely allow all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 694-4815.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment,
or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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